Mankhurd-Belapur Line

222. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state what are the reasons for slow progress in the construction of Mankhurd-Belapur rail link?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): Slow progress of Mankhurd-Belapur rail link is due to constraint of funds.

Supply of Stinger Missiles to Pakistan by U.S.

223. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the United States Government are shipping shoulder fired surface-to-air stinger missiles worth $ 8.5 million, in addition to a hundred of the latest version-AIM 9L-of the famed sidewiner air-to-air missiles, to Pakistan;

(b) whether this Military aid package, aimed to augment the air defence capabilities of Pakistan, has posed a fresh threat to India's integrity and sovereignty; and

(c) whether Government have conveyed their concern to U.S. Government to the likelihood of transfer of such advanced weapons tilting the military balance against India; if so what has been their reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Government are aware that the USA is supplying some AIM 9L air-to-air missiles and stinger surface-to-air missiles to Pakistan.

(b) and (c) Acquisition of sophisticated weapons by Pakistan has implications on our security. Our serious concern at the induction of sophisticated weaponry into our neighbourhood has been conveyed on several occasions to the US Government.

Violation of Indian Air Space by Pakistani Planes and firing by Pakistani tropps in Sinehen Glacier

224. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistani combat planes intruded deep into the Indian air space over the Siachen Glacier and adjoining Nubra Valley in Ladakh region on May 29 in clear weather on a photographing mission;

(b) whether the Pakistani troops also made a series of intrusion into the 18500 ft. high Siachen Glacier region during the last two months to oust the Indian troops manning Indian posts in this glacier belt;

(c) whether Government took up the matter with the Pakistan Government; if so, the reaction of that Government thereto; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government of India to thwart the Pakistani attempts to upset the geo-strategic *status quo* in this area in clear violation of the Simla Pact?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Pakistani combat planes intruded into Indian air space in the Siachen Glacier area on 29-5-1985.

(b) There has been some firing incidents in the area during the last two months.

(c) Government have taken up the air violations with the Government of Pakistan who have been urged to refrain from such activities.